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Dear Sir:

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Applicant: Raafat Fahim et al  
Title: *Acellular Pertussis Vaccines and Methods  
of Preparation Thereof*  
Examiner: Anthony C. Caputa  
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In response to the communication of February 3, 1998, enclosed herewith is a signed copy of the Amendment faxed December 15, 1997. The inconvenience caused to the Examiner is regretted.

Yours very truly,

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